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Mr. Walter J. Coughlin
Director
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621 17th Street, Suite 1900
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Dear Mr. Coughlin:

This acknowledges our receipt of your July 28, 1997 letter, requesting amendments to "allow the use of a leakproofness test at pressures of less than 2 psi, if such test can detect leaks of 180 mls per hour or less, with a probability of detection of 95% or greater," in the following sections: 49 CFR 173.32b, 178.270-13, 178.345-13, 178.346-13, 178.347-13, 178.604, 178.813, and 180.407.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under § 106.31 and assigned number, P-1347. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell
Chief, Exemption and Regulations Termination
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards